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COLLECTIONS ORDERED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOME MISSIONS,
FIRST SABBATH OF JANUARY.

PUBLICATION,
FIRST SABBATH OF MARCH.

FOREIGN MISSIONS,
FIRST SABBATH OF MAY.

INVALID FUND,
FIRST SABBATH OF JULY.

EVANGELISTIC FUND,
FIRST SABBATH OF SEPTEMBER.

EDUCATION,
FIRST SABBATH OF NOVEMBER.

TUSKALOOSA INSTITUTE,
FIRST SABBATH OF DECEMBER.

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SECTION I.

HISTORY AND BOUNDARY LINES.

The PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON, originally a part of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, was set off by the Synod at its meeting in Wilmington, N. C., November 1868. It held its first meeting in Wilmington, at the residence of Mr. Patrick Murphy, on Orange street, the day following the Synod's action, November 21st, 1868. Rev. Colin Shaw was, by direction of Synod, its first Moderator. It consisted of 10 Ministers and 25 Churches.

The following are its boundary lines: "Beginning at the South Carolina line with the Western boundary of Columbus County, and running thence along the Western boundary of Bladen and Sampson Counties to the Southern boundary of Orange Presbytery, and thence along that line to the Ocean."

SECTION II.

ROLL OF MINISTERS—1884.

	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>
Rev.	D. B. Black.....	Burgaw.
"	J. S. Black.....	"
"	R. H. Chapman, D. D.....	Asheville.
"	James Kelly.....	Clarkton.
"	Alex. Kirkland.....	Whiteville
"	B. F. Marable.....	Mount Olive.
"	K. McDonald.....	Richlands.
"	A. McFadyen.....	Elizabethtown.
"	G. W. McMillan.....	Burgaw.
"	C. M. Payne.....	Wilmington.
"	John M. Rose, Jr.....	Goldsboro.
"	Colin Shaw.....	Gravelly Hill.
"	J. M. Sprunt, D. D.....	Kenansville.
"	J. R. Wilson, D. D.....	Wilmington.
Licentiate	N. W. Herring.....	Kenansville.
"	Alex. Phillips.....	Clinton.

ROLL of CHURCHES—CLERKS of SESSION.

SECTION III.

<i>Church.</i>	<i>Pastor or S. S.</i>	<i>Clerk of Session.</i>
Beth-Car	Rev. A. McFadyen .	W. N. Whitted.
Black River	" J.S. Black.....	H. E. Shaw.
Brown Marsh.....	" A. McFadyen...	J. H. Ballentine.
Burgaw	" J. S. Black..	W. M. Hand.
Clinton.....	" B. F. Marable..	A. F. Johnson.
Cobb's Mills.....		John C. Wooten.
Elizabethtown...	" A. McFadyen...	J. M. Benson.
Goldsboro.	" J. M. Rose.	J. W. Gulick.
Grove	" J.M. Sprunt DD	N. D. Pearsall.
Hopewell.....	" D. B. Black.....	J. H. Moore.
Keith.....		M. E. Collins.
Moore's Creek...	" Colin Shaw	A. M. Colvin.
Mt. Horeb.....	" A. McFadyen...	Neill Graham.
Mt. Olive	" B. F. Marable...	A. R. Hicks, Jr.
Mt. Williams.....	" G.W. McMillan	J. R. Bannerman.
Mt. Zion	" J.M. Sprunt DD	G. S. Carr.
Newport.....		Hugh Murdock.
North River.....		
Oak Plain.....	" Colin Shaw.....	J. W. Stokes.
Pike.....	" D. B. Black	John P. Hand.
Richlands.....	" K. McDonald ...	J. W. Fountain.
Rockfish.....	" D. B. Black.....	G. Boney.
Seminary.....	" S. H. Isler.....	B. Bender.
South River.....	" A. McFadyen...	W. J. Cromartie.
Topsail	" G.W. McMillan	D. W. McMillan.
Union.....	" J.M. Sprunt DD	J. A. Faison.
White Hall		
White Plains.....	" A. Kirkland.....	S. T. Buie.
Whiteville.....	" A. Kirkland.....	J. F. Dunn.
Wilmington, 1st	" J.R. Wilson DD	B. F. Hall.
Wilmington, 2d.	" C. M. Payne.....	Alex. Sprunt.

SECTION IV.

OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND PERMANENT
COMMITTEES.

(1) OFFICERS:

Stated Clerk—Rev. J. M. Sprunt, D. D., Ken-
ansville, N. C.

Treasurer—John McLaurin, Wilmington
N. C.

(2) PRESBYTERIAL AGENTS:

Foreign Missions—John M. Rose, Jr.

Publication—J. S. Black.

Education—B. F. Marable.

Sunday Schools—Alex. Kirkland.

(3) PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

1—*Committee on Sabbath*—Rev. J. R. Wilson,
D. D., Rev. C. M. Payne and Elder John Col-
ville.

2—*Committee on Home Missions*—

3—*Committee on Minutes of General Assembly and Synod*—Rev. Messrs. A. McFadyen, B. F. Marable and Ruling Elder W. J. Cromartie.

4—*Committee to Audit Treasurer's Account*—Ruling Elders Alex. Sprunt and B. G. Worth.

5—*Committee to Correspond with "Presbyterian Historical Society"*—Stated Clerk.

6—*Examining Committees:*

On Experimental Religion—Dr. Chapman and Rev. K. McDonald.

On Theology—Rev. Messrs. C. Shaw and J. R. Wilson, D. D.

On Church Government—Rev. Messrs. D. B. Black and C. M. Payne.

On Sacraments—Rev. G. W. McMillan.

On Ecclesiastical History—Rev. Messrs. B. F. Marable and A. McFadyen.

On Languages—Science, &c., Rev. Messrs. J. M. Sprunt, James Kelly and J. M. Rose.

7—*Committee on Devotional Exercises*—The Pastor or Supply of the Church at which the Presbytery meets and the Elder appointed to represent that church, or in case of a vacant church the Moderator who opens the Presbytery and said Elder, shall constitute the Committee on Devotional Exercises, who shall make a report as early after the Presbytery meets as practicable, suggesting *hours of daily sessions*, fixing time for the consideration of the Permanent Orders of the Day provided for in Sec. X, and who shall arrange for such devotional exercises as the Presbytery may order.

SECTION V.

QUOTAS TO PRESBYTERIAL FUND.

First Church, Wilmington.....	\$60 00
Brown Marsh.....	15 00
Mt. Horeb.....	9 00
Black River.....	15 00
Cobb's Mills.....	3 00
Richlands.....	3 00
Clinton.....	15 00
Goldsboro.....	20 00
Grove.....	15 00
Hopewell.....	10 00
Moore's Creek.....	10 00
Mt. Williams.....	10 00
Keith.....	5 00
Mt. Zion.....	10 00
Oak Plain.....	8 00
Rockfish.....	20 00
Mt. Olive.....	8 00
South River Chapel.....	15 00
Beth-Car.....	12 00
Elizabethtown.....	5 00
Pike.....	8 00
Union.....	20 00
Second Church, Wilmington.....	20 00
Topsail.....	4 00
White Plains.....	10 00
Whiteville.....	10 00
Seminary.....	2 00
White Hall.....	4 00
North River.....	2 00
Newport.....	4 00
Burgaw.....	4 00

SECTION VI.

REPORTS TO PRESBYTERY.

At each stated Spring Meeting the Session of each Church shall submit to Presbytery the following reports, to wit :

[1.] The Statistical report, according to the General Assembly's Form.

N. B. Year—from April 1st to April 1st.

[2.] A Report on Sabbath-schools, according to the General Assembly's Form.

[3.] A report on the state of religion, embracing the topics recommended by the General Assembly, to wit : (1.) Official fidelity on the part of ministers, Ruling Elders and Deacons. (2.) Attendance upon service of the Sanctuary. (3.) Special out-pouring of the Holy Ghost in the Churches. (4) The Prevalence of intemperance, worldly amusements, and other forms of sin. (5.) Family worship. (6.) Catechetical instruction in Sunday-schools and families. (7.) The observance of the Sabbath. (8.) Fidelity of God's people in worshipping the Lord with their substance. (9.) Supply of churches with ministration of the Word. (10) Religious instruction of colored people.

This report or Narrative shall be sent to the Presbytery in writing, having been previously approved by the session and entered upon its records.

[4.] The records of the session shall be sent up for review at the Spring meeting.

[5.] The Quota assessed upon each church is

to be paid to the Treasurer at the Spring meeting.

[6.] Each church having a pastor or stated supply shall present a report, stating whether the amount of salary promised has been paid.

N. B. Stated Clerk is required to furnish all needed blank forms at least two months before the meeting of Presbytery.

SECTION VII.

ATTENDING MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

Ministers failing to attend any stated meeting shall report by letter, when practicable, the reason of their absence. Any Session failing to be represented shall report by letter the reason therefor. Sessions are urged to give attention to the provision in Book of Church Order, Chap. v, Sec. I, Par. vii, to wit: "The expenses of Ministers and Ruling Elders, in their attendance on the courts, shall be defrayed by the bodies which they respectively represent."

SECTION VIII.

MISSIONARY SUPPLIES.

The missionary field of the Presbytery shall be distributed among its ministers according to the recommendation of the Committee of Home Missions, when approved, at each stated meeting of the Presbytery. Each minister shall report his diligence in performing the missionary duty assigned to him.

SECTION IX.

LICENTIATES AND CANDIDATES.

1. Licentiates under the care of Presbytery are required to attend every stated meeting, or send satisfactory excuse for absence in writing.

They shall be assigned by Presbytery to suitable fields of labor, where they may exercise their gifts as "Probationers for the Holy Ministry;" or they may obtain leave from Presbytery to labour in certain fields, but in neither case shall the period of labour extend beyond one year at a time.

2. Candidates for the Gospel Ministry shall be required to report by letter at least twice a year to the Agent of Education.

SECTION X.

PERMANENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

The following shall be permanent orders of the day for the stated Spring and Fall Meetings of the Presbytery, at such hours as may be appointed by the Committee on Devotional Exercises: (See Sec. 4, par. 7.)

For the Spring Meeting.

SECOND DAY.—*The State of Religion in the Churches:* The Narratives from the churches to be read, accompanied by such verbal statements as may be desired.

THIRD DAY.—*Home Missions:* The consideration of the report from the Committee of Home Missions and reports from Missionary supplies.

FOURTH DAY.—*Systematic Beneficence*: The consideration of the Report of the Presbytery's Standing Committee.

For the Fall Meeting.

SECOND DAY—Free conversation on State of Religion in the Churches.

THIRD DAY.—*Sabbath Schools*: The consideration of the Report to Synod, prepared by the Presbytery's Agent.

SECTION XI.

GENERAL DOCKET.

1—Prayer.

2—Roll Call.

3—Election of Moderator and Temporary Clerks.

4—Hours of Session fixed. (See Section 4, Par. 7.)

5—Reading of Minutes of last Stated Meeting

6—Excuses for absence. (See Standing Rule 18.)

7—Appointment of Standing Committees.

[1] On Narrative to Synod or General Assembly.

[2] On Systematic Beneficence.

[3] On Sessional records (Spring.) (3 Committees.)

[4] On time and place of next meeting.

[5] On Pastoral support (Spring).

8 Reports from churches called for. (Not provided for in permanent orders of day.) (Section 10.)

[1] Statistical Report. (Spring)

[2] Sabbath-Schools. (Spring.)

[3] Pastoral Support. (Spring.)

[4] Sessional Records. (Spring.)

9—Roll of churches called for payment of contingent fund. (Spring).

10—Reports of Permanent Committees and Agents, Trustees, &c.

[1] Committee of Home Missions.

[2] Agent of Foreign Missions. (Spring.)

[3] Agent of Publication. (Spring.)

[4] Agent of Education. (Spring.)

[5] Agent of Sunday Schools. (Spring.)

[6] Permanent Committee on Sabbath. (Spring.)

[7] Permanent Committee on Minutes of General Assembly. (Fall.)

[8] Permanent Committee on Minutes of Synod. (Spring.)

[9] Permanent Committee to audit Treasurer's account. (Spring.)

[10] Trustees of Davidson College. (Fall.)

[11] Commissioners to General Assembly. (Fall.)

11—Free Conversation on State of Religion. (Fall.)

12—Report of Treasurer. (Spring.)

13—Report of Evangelists.

14—Nominate and elect Commissioners to General Assembly. (Spring.) (See Standing (Rule 21.)

15—Elect Trustees of Davidson College. (Fall.)

16—Reports from Standing Committees.

[1] On Narrative.

[2] On Systematic Beneficence.

[3] On Sessional Records. (Spring.)

[4] On time and place of next meeting.

[5] On Pastoral Support. (Spring).

17—Election of Presbyterial Agents and Committee of Home Missions. (Spring).

18—Reports from Special Committees.

19—Orders on Treasurer.

20—Vote of thanks.

21—Minutes to be read and approved.

22—Adjournment and close with singing, prayer and Apostolic Benediction.

SECTION XII.

STANDING RULES—MISCELLANEOUS.

RULE 1.—The Rules of Parliamentary order adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, are hereby adopted as Standing Rules for the government of the Presbytery. (See page—)

RULE 2.—It shall require *two-thirds* of all the members present to suspend, amend or abolish a Standing Rule.

RULE 3.—Candidates for Licensure, unless otherwise ordered, shall be examined on Languages, Science, &c., *privately*, on all other subjects *publicly*.

RULE 4.—Trustees of Davidson College shall be elected at Fall meetings only.

RULE 5.—Every church shall report and transmit promptly to the Treasurer of the Pres-

bytery all monies collected for the Benevolent Causes of the Church as ordered by the General Assembly.

RULE 6.—Sessions shall give their careful attention to the provisions of the Book of Discipline, chap. xv, par. 2 3 and 4, respecting the transfer of non-resident members; and they shall always report the whole number of registered communicants to the Presbytery, and not merely the number residing at the time in the bounds of the congregation.

RULE 7.—The Treasurer shall notify Church Sessions of amount due Contingent Fund of Presbytery at least *one month* before meeting of the Presbytery.

RULE 8.—Presbyterial Agents and Permanent Committees, excepting the Agent of Home Missions and the Committee on Minutes of General Assembly and Synod, shall make their reports only at each stated Spring meeting.

RULE 9.—An evening shall be set apart at Spring meeting for the consideration of the cause of Foreign Missions, and at each Fall meeting for the consideration of the cause of Home Missions, and the Committee on Devotional Exercises shall make the necessary arrangement for these services respectively.

RULE 10 —Sessions are hereby advised to appoint the Principal or Alternate delegate to Fall Presbytery as Principal or Alternate delegate to Synod.

RULE 11.—The Presbyterial Agents and Committee of Home Missions shall be appointed at each stated Spring meeting.

RULE 12.—Presbyterial Agents, in reporting the result of their efforts to secure contributions from all the churches to the causes respectively committed to their care, shall report annually to the stated Spring meeting the names of those churches that have failed to contribute, and shall correspond with the delinquent churches exhorting to the performance of their neglected duty.

RULE 13.—The Committee of Home Missions is charged [1] with the duty of looking after and providing for the permanent supply of the feeble and vacant churches of the Presbytery. [2] With the oversight and conduct of the missionary work within its bounds in accordance with the General Assembly's plan. [3] With the duty of recommending the appointment of supplies to vacant churches. [4] With the duty of receiving and acting upon all applications for aid in building or repairing church edifices. [5] With the distribution of the Invalid Fund and [6] with the duty of urging upon all our churches the importance of systematic and liberal contributions to the cause of Home Missions. It shall report in full of all its operations at every stated meeting.

RULE 14.—The Agent of Foreign Missions is charged with the interests of this cause, which he shall seek to promote by all appropriate means. He shall write to each church prior to the time appointed for the annual collection for this cause, reminding it of the claims of this cause and urging the duty of liberality.

RULE 15.—The Agent of Publication is charged with the duty of promoting the interests of the cause of Publication in co-operation with the General Assembly's Committee. He shall endeavor, by correspondence, to secure from all the churches, at the appointed time, collections for this cause.

RULE 16.—The Agent of Education is charged with the immediate care and oversight of our candidates for the ministry; and, by correspondence with the Faculty of the College or Seminary in which these candidates are pursuing their studies, he is expected to keep himself informed with reference to their deportment, diligence and progress, which information he shall report to Presbytery with any recommendation of action he may consider wise and appropriate. He shall endeavor also, by correspondence, to secure from all the churches, at the time appointed, collections for this cause.

RULE 17.—The Agent of Sunday Schools is charged with the general interests of the Sunday School work in the Presbytery. He shall endeavor by all suitable means to awaken, extend and maintain within our bounds a deeper interest in Sabbath Schools. He shall receive and digest the Reports from the churches on this subject, and shall prepare therefrom a Report to be forwarded, when approved, to the General Assembly or Synod, as the case may be.

RULE 18.—At each stated meeting the Moderator shall call on all ministers present who

are marked as absentees to state their reasons for previous failure to attend. If no motion is made expressive of disapprobations the reasons assigned shall be deemed satisfactory.

RULE 19.—The Stated Clerk shall cause to be published an *Abstract* of the Minutes of each stated meeting in the form of a circular letter, as soon as practicable after its adjournment, and shall send as many copies of the same to the Pastor or Session of each church as there are officers in that church. This abstract shall contain only such matter as he deems important to be brought to the attention of our churches.

RULE 20.—The Treasurer shall procure and forward by mail, as soon as published, a copy of the “Minutes of the General Assembly” of each year to every Minister and Licentiate in the Presbytery.

RULE 21.—Commissioners to the General Assembly shall be nominated at least one day before the election.

RULE 22.—The Presbytery asserts and maintains its authority over the relation of Stated Supply. It can be formed only by the consent of Presbytery, and it can be continued only by a new application to the Presbytery at every Spring meeting, or in the interim it may be formed or continued by the Committee of Home Missions, subject to the endorsement of the Presbytery.

RULE 23.—By the adoption of this “Manual” the Presbytery hereby declares the repeal of all existing “Standing Rules.”

SECTION XIII.

RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY ORDER.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the court stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; and on the appearance of a quorum, the session shall be opened with prayer.

2. If a quorum be assembled at the hour appointed and the Moderator be absent, the last Moderator, or oldest minister present, shall take the chair without delay.

3. If a quorum be not assembled at the hour appointed, any two members shall be competent to adjourn from time to time, that an opportunity may be given for a quorum to assemble.

4. After calling the roll and marking the absentees, the minutes of the last sitting shall be read, and if requisite, corrected.

OF THE MODERATOR.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order, and to conduct all business before the court to a speedy and proper result.

6. He is to propose to the court every subject of deliberation that comes before it.

7. He may propose what appears to him the most regular and direct way of bringing any business to issue.

8. He shall always announce the names of members rising to speak, prevent them from interrupting each other, and require them in speaking always to address the chair.

9. He shall prevent a speaker from deviating from the subject, and from using personal reflections.

10. He shall silence those who refuse to observe order.

11. He shall prevent members from leaving the court without his permission.

12. He shall, when the deliberations are ended, put the question and call the vote.

13. In all questions he shall give a clear and concise statement of the object of the vote, and the vote being taken, he shall declare how the question is decided.

14. He shall carefully keep notes of the orders of the day, and call them up at the times appointed.

15. He may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order subject to an appeal to the court, without debate, by any two members.

16. If any member consider himself aggrieved by a decision of the Moderator, it shall be his privilege to appeal to the court, and the question on such appeal shall be taken without debate.

17. It is his duty to appoint all committees except in those cases in which the court shall decide otherwise.

18. When a vote is taken by ballot, or by yeas and nays, he shall vote with the other members; in other cases, when the court is equally divided, he shall possess the casting vote. If he be not willing to decide, he shall

about the question a second time, and if the court be again equally divided, and he decline to give his vote, the question shall be lost.

19. He may call any member to the chair to preside temporarily.

OF THE CLERK.

20. As soon as possible after the commencement of the first session of every court, the clerk shall form a complete roll of the members present, and put the same into the hands of the Moderator; and whenever any additional members take their seats, he shall add their names in their proper places to the said roll.

21. He shall immediately file all papers in the order in which they have been read, with proper endorsements, and keep them in perfect order.

OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

22. After the reading of the minutes of the preceding day, the following order of business shall be observed:

First—The receiving of

- [a] Communications addressed to the body;
- [b] Reports of standing committees;
- [c] Reports of select committees;
- [d] Resolutions; each of which papers may, by unanimous consent, be taken up immediately on presentation, but if objection be made it shall be docketed.

Secondly—The unfinished business in which the court was engaged at the last preceding adjournment, in preference to orders of the day; but such unfinished business may, on motion without debate, be laid on the table to proceed with the special order.

Thirdly—As soon as the special order and the unfinished business are disposed of, the business on the docket will be called; but motions to elect officers, to appoint committees, and to enroll members shall always be in order, unless a member is speaking, or the court is voting.

OF MOTIONS.

23. A motion must be seconded, and afterward repeated by the Moderator, or read aloud before it is debated; but this shall be no bar to explanation of the object of any motion by the mover, provided he does not exceed five minutes; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Moderator or any member require it.

24.—The mover of a resolution is entitled to the floor if he so desires, after the Moderator has stated the question.

OF WITHDRAWAL OF MOTIONS.

25. Any member who shall have made a motion, shall have liberty to withdraw it with the consent of his second, before any debate has taken place thereon, but not afterward without the leave of the court.

OF LIMITATIONS OF DEBATE.

26. Motions to lay on the table, to docket, to take up business, and to adjourn, and the call for the question, shall be put without debate. On questions of order, postponement or commitment, no member shall speak more than once. On all other questions, each member may speak twice, but not oftener without express leave of the court.

OF PRIVILEGED QUESTIONS

27.—When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received unless to adjourn, to docket, to lay on the table, to amend, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are herein arranged; and the motion for adjournment shall always be in order.

OF "THE QUESTION."

28. When any member shall call for "*the question*" the Moderator shall, without debate, put the vote, "Is the court ready for the question?" If the call be seconded by a majority of the members present, the vote shall immediately be taken on the pending question, whatever it may be, without further debate.

ON DIVISION OF THE QUESTION.

29. If a motion under debate contain several parts, any two members may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

OF AMENDMENTS.

30. An amendment may be moved on any question, as also an amendment to the amendment, which shall be decided before the original proposition; but two distinct amendments to the pending question shall not be entertained at the same time, whether moved as substitute for the whole matter, or as changing any part thereof.

31. One proposition may be substituted for another when the substitute covers the whole matter of the original, and this shall be done by moving to strike out the original, and to insert the substitute.

OF RECONSIDERATION.

32. A question shall not be reconsidered at the same session of the court at which it has been decided, unless by the consent of a majority of the members who were present at the decision, and unless the motion to reconsider be made by a person who voted with the majority.

33.—A subject which has been indefinitely postponed, shall not be again called up during the same session of the court, unless by the consent of three-fourths of the members who were present at the decision.

OF SPEAKERS.

34. If more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the member who is most dis-

tant from the Moderator's chair shall speak first.

35. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the Moderator, and shall treat his fellow members, and especially the Moderator, with decorum and respect.

OF INTERRUPTIONS.

36. No speaker shall be interrupted unless he be out of order, or for the purpose of correcting mistakes or misrepresentations.

OF VOTING.

37. Members shall not decline voting unless excused by the court.

38. When various motions are made with respect to the filling of blanks with particular numbers or times, the question shall always be first taken on the highest number and the longest time.*

39. When the Moderator has commenced taking the vote, no further debate or remark shall be admitted, unless there has evidently been a mistake, in which case the mistake shall be rectified, and the Moderator shall recommence taking the vote.

40. The yeas and nays on any question shall not be recorded, unless it be required by one-third of the members present: and every member shall vote "yea" or "nay," unless excused by the court. In a judicial case, members thus excused shall not be allowed a vote in any of the subsequent proceedings relating thereto.

41. In all elections it shall require a majority of the votes cast to elect.

OF COMMITTEES.

42. The person first named on any committee shall be considered as the chairman thereof, whose duty it shall be to convene the committee and preside therein ; and in case of his absence, or inability to act, the second named member shall take his place and perform his duties.

OF PRIVATE SESSIONS.

43. All courts have a right to sit in private on business which, in their judgment, ought not to be matter of public speculation.

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

44. Every court has a right to resolve itself into a committee of the whole, or to hold what are commonly called *interlocutory meetings*, in which members may freely converse together without the formalities necessary in their ordinary proceedings. In all such cases the Moderator shall name the member who is to preside as chairman. If the committee is unable to agree, a motion may be made that the committee rise, and upon the adoption of such motion the Moderator shall resume the chair, and the chairman of the committee shall report what has been done, and ask that the committee be discharged, which being allowed, the matter shall be dropped. If the committee shall agree upon the report to be made, or have made progress in the same without coming to a conclusion, the committee may rise, report what has been done, and if the case require, may ask leave to sit again ; or the committee

of the whole may be dissolved, and the question considered by the court in the usual order of business.

OF DECORUM.

45. Without express permission, no member of a court, while business is going on, shall engage in private conversation; nor shall members address one another, nor any person present, but through the Moderator.

46. When more than three members of the court shall be standing at the same time, the Moderator shall require all to take their seats, the person only excepted who may be speaking.

47. If any member act in any respect in a disorderly manner, it shall be the privilege of any member and the duty of the Moderator, to call him to order.

48. No member shall retire from any court without the leave of the Moderator, nor withdraw from it to return home without the consent of the court.

OF CASES UNPROVIDED FOR.

49. All cases that may arise, not provided for in the foregoing rules, shall be governed by the general principles of parliamentary law.

OF CLOSING THE SESSION.

50. The Moderator of every court, above the church session, in finally closing its sessions, in addition to prayer, may cause to be sung an appropriate psalm or hymn, and shall pronounce the apostolic benediction.

J. H. Murphy

John H. H. H.

P. H. H. H.

Ch